

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 since this Amendment: (a) places the application in condition for allowance for reasons discussed herein; (b) does not raise any new issue regarding further search and/or consideration since the Amendment amplifies issues previously discussed throughout prosecution; (c) does not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally-rejected claims; and (d) places the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The Amendment is necessary because it is made in reply to arguments raised in the rejection. Entry of the Amendment is thus respectfully requested.

By the foregoing amendment, claims 1 and 5 have been amended to further clarify the invention. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-9 are currently pending in the application and subject to examination.

In the Office Action mailed September 13, 2006, claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Hirasawa et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0020906, hereinafter "Hirasawa"). Claims 5 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hirasawa. Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hirasawa as applied to claim 5, and in view of Nishimura (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0121437). Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hirasawa as applied to claim 5, and in view

of Wyland et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,679,975, hereinafter "Wyland"). Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hirasawa as applied to claim 5 and in view of Worley et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,885,016). It is noted that claims 1 and 5 have been amended. To the extent the rejections remain applicable to the claims currently pending, the Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections, as follows.

Claims 1 and 5 Recite Patentable Subject Matter

Regarding amended claims 1 and 5, the Applicants respectfully submit that the cited prior art, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or suggest at least the features of the present invention of: "a shielding frame that is tied via a tying portion to the fitting frame and that can be brought into such a state as to cover the element mount frame **by bending the tying portion . . . wherein the fitting frame is positioned between the shielding frame and the element mount frame,**" as recited in amended claims 1 and 5.

Therefore, because the cited art, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or suggest each and every feature recited in claims 1 and 5 for at least the reasons provided above, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 5 are allowable over the cited art.

Claims 2-4 and 6-9 Recite Patentable Subject Matter

Regarding claims 2-4 and 6-9, the Applicants respectfully submit that each of these claims depends from one of allowable claims 1 and 5, and is therefore allowable for at least the same reasons, as well as for the additional subject matter recited respectively therein.

Conclusion

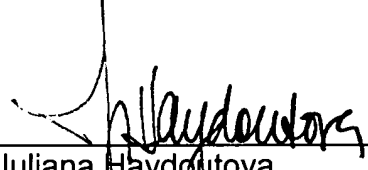
For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the claims now pending patentability distinguish the present invention from the cited references. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and an issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative at the number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with

this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referring to client-matter number 103213-00105.

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